

August 9, 2001

Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 95-31  
Ex Parte Notice

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.1200, et seq., of the Commission's Rules, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR"), on behalf of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting ("CPB"), the Association of America's Public Television Stations ("APTS"), the law firm of Garvey, Schubert & Barer ("GS&B"), and the National Federation of Community Broadcasters represented by the Media Access Project ("MAP"), hereby notifies the Commission of the following ex parte presentation regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

On August 7, 2001, Kathryn Riley Dole (NPR), Gregory A. Lewis (NPR), Robert Winteringham (CPB), Lonna Thompson (APTS), John Crigler (GS&B), and Cheryl Leanza (MAP) (collectively, "Public Broadcasting Interests") met with Roy Stewart, Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Rick Chessen, Associate Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Jamila B. Johnson, Senior Legal Advisor, Mass Media Bureau, Mary Beth Murphy, Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Lisa Scanlan, Audio Services Division, Irene Bleiweiss, Audio Services Division, and Eric Bash, Mass Media Bureau. During the meeting, we discussed the potential implications of the recent NPR v. FCC decision for the upcoming broadcast auction. The Public Broadcasting Interests offered their assistance in developing a process to resolve mutually exclusive applications for non-reserved spectrum involving noncommercial applicants. We discussed possible options, including assessing the comparative need for commercial and noncommercial service on a case-by-case basis and demonstrating the lack of reserved spectrum in a given area, as well as options for proceeding with the currently scheduled broadcast auctions. We discussed the difficulty of reserving spectrum and the importance of access to non-reserved spectrum, particularly for translator stations.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned at (202) 513-2050.

Sincerely,

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cc: Roy Stewart  
Rick Chesson  
Jamila B. Johnson  
Mary Beth Murphy  
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